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Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.	

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THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

*(Please state the provision (map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 111.5.1)
(continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary)*

This submission refers to the approach taken by Waikato Regional Council to address the expectations of the National Policy statement for Freshwater management 2014.

The approach is both highly bureaucratic and autocratic and does not reflect the approach directed in the National Policy Statement. Continued on separate page.

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I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary)

- Support the above provisions
 Support the above provision with amendments
 Oppose the above provisions

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

(Give the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to amend the provision(s) and what you would like to see done to regulate freshwater resources.)

Give the power back to the landowners; allow them to take responsibility to make the right decisions to improve and protect our waterways. Provide support, information and encouragement to help achieve the agreed end. Only step in with bureaucracy when there are landowners who do not demonstrate good practices. Keep the regional council in its place – and not a whole new environmental police force that landowners would have to pay for.

Ensure targets are appropriate and that recommended mitigation practices are backed by accurate proven science. Encourage research and ensure landowners are aware of new advancements and information. Believe in landowners to demonstrate sound environmental practices and deliver outcomes expected by the communities and neighbours.

Do not create a whole new bureaucratic workforce of “farm planners”!!! They have no commitment and responsibility but rather a parasitic group that feed off the landowners who again would have to pay for them.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary)

- Accept the above provision
 Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined below
 Decline the above provision
 If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined below

Amend as follows. Include the values and aspirations of landowners within the “values” section and not just those of tangata whenua.

Give back the responsibility of achieving the strategy objectives to the landowners. Eliminate authoritarian practices – that will just destroy jarming which is a lifestyle and business activity that committed people enjoy. Remove farm planner requirements – allow landowners to demonstrate their commitment.

Shift the focus from reducing productivity by encouraging landowners to think outside the square to find a balance to achieve the vision.

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

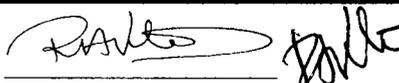
IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

Yes, I have attached extra sheets.

No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

Waikato Regional Council has the right to publish your submission on its website. If you do not wish your submission to be published, please tick this box.

Signature  Date 6th March 2017

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PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

Additional sheet to assist in making a submission

Section number of the Plan Change	Support /Oppose	Submission	Decision sought
Please refer to title and page numbers used in the plan change document	Indicate whether you support or oppose the provision.	State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.	State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

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5th March 2017

Continuing: The specific provisions of proposed plan Change 1 that my submission relates to.

The whole plan subjugates the rights and responsibilities of all landowners within this plan's catchment. The National Policy statement for Freshwater management 2014 which includes managing land use and developing activities to achieve a lower environmental footprint states that this management must underpin community discussions; with communities to determine pathways and timeframes. It does not state that the regional council and its group of 24 must take this on themselves to inflict their views and right to autocratically determine the future directions and dictate the future developments of individual land owners. Landowners can and must take on that responsibility themselves and not as directed by a "farm planner". If a landowner wants help with determining their future they can decide that themselves. Farmers are being treated as "fools".

The values stated in the Healthy Rivers plan do not acknowledge the intrinsic values (Mana Atua) of longterm residents of European origin; who respect and value the river, the ecology, the biology and the protection of the environment, appreciation of the landscape, and the experiences through generations. Such values are not just an attribute of Mana Whenua. This needs to be acknowledged.

The vision is fine but it is the "how" that we oppose. A black picture of farming practices has been planted in the media and "out there" over the recent and current actions by farmers which is frankly overstated and overlooks the exceptional work undertaken by farmers to mitigate and enhance their properties and waterways.

As a farming partnership, acknowledged for our work by the Balance Farm Environment Awards, has for 40 years fostered conservative and sensible farming practices as per stocking rates and almost no use of additional nitrogen; have fenced stock out of waterways for over 30 years; undertaken extensive riparian planting and conserved bush remnants with the QEII trust over a period of 40 years – we take significant umbrage at the approach taken in this plan. Now to be told that by 2026 we must destock. This appears an abusive of power which I am not sure you have?

The majority of farmers are committed to their properties and the surrounding communities, and want the best for themselves and the future of the country. And that includes the economic growth of the area. There is no need to destroy what is in place – viable communities offering a way of life which appeals to a wide section of society. With the future outcome for this plan is set to destroy the economic potential of the Waikato River Valley.